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## TERRIBLE DISASTER. FIRE FOLLOWS JAPAN EARTHQUAKE. MANY CITIES IN RUINS. TOKYO AND YOKOHAMA HARD HIT (Router's Service to the China Mail.)

**SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.**  
A wireless message from Tomioka says that the Prince Regent of Japan and his household are safe. Seven hundred people were killed by the collapse of Asakusa Tower.  
Many ships were lost in a tidal wave at Yokohama.

### TEN THOUSAND CASUALTIES.

**OSAKA, September 2.**  
The Governor of Yokohama, in a wireless



message to the Governor of Osaka and Kobe, states that there have been ten thousand casualties and all means of communication have been destroyed. The town is without food and water and immediate relief is asked for.

The relief steamer "Chicago Maru" is being sent from Osaka this afternoon.

A number of small towns at the foot of Mount Fujiyama have been demolished; there have been hundreds of fatalities. There has been terrible havoc at many of the summer resorts.

At Atami there have been 500 fatalities. In Yokohama the

casualties number ten thousand.

### PEKING LEARNS NEWS.

**PEKING, September 2.**

A wireless message from Southern Japan reports that the earthquake has practically destroyed all cities, towns and villages between Tokyo and Osaka. A number of fires have been caused, many of which are still burning.

Most of the big buildings in Tokyo have been destroyed. The Imperial Palace is in danger. The fire in Tokyo is raging from end to end of the city. The streets are heaped with dead and at present it is impossible to estimate the casualties.

Yokohama suffered tremendously from the earthquake, while a tidal wave added to the terrors of the population, who are fleeing into the interior. Communication with Central Japan is entirely cut off.

**OSAKA, September 2.**

It is stated that Premier Yamamoto had a narrow escape. Reports coming in indicate that Yokohama is now an immense mass of ruins. The harbour and dockyards are demolished. It is feared that the Navy Department in Tokyo, which fails to answer wireless calls, has been destroyed.

**WIRELESS MESSAGES.**

**NEW YORK, September 3.**

Meagre reports by wireless indicate that there has been a very severe earthquake on the Eastern Coast of Japan at Hondo. The range of damage was apparently 300 miles from Osaka and Kobe, in the South, towards Sendai in the North. This is the most thickly populated section of Japan.

A radio message from Tomioka contains the first-hand story of a refugee from Tokyo. This man says that the fire, which destroyed the Imperial Theatre and many other large buildings, is spreading from Shenyu towards Shinagawa, the southernmost point of the city. The flames, he says, are visible seven miles distant from Tokyo. All the railway bridges in the city have been destroyed and the bulk of traffic has ceased. The number of the dead and injured is incalculable.

**EIGHT THOUSAND DEAD.**

**NAGASAKI, September 3.**

It is impossible to estimate the aggregate of casualties in all the affected districts. It must be remembered that in the great earthquake of 1856 the killed in Yedo (now Tokyo) alone numbered over 100,000. It is feared that the casualties in Tokyo this time are greater.

It is reported that the Fuji Spinning Mills, near Mount Fuji, collapsed and that 8,000 operatives perished.

At Hakone, the famous mountain resort, it is said to be easier to count the living than the dead.

Prince Saloni, who was staying at Gotemba, found safe refuge in a bamboo grove.

A number of volcanoes are reported as being active. There were several more shocks at Yokohama to-day at one o'clock. Tokyo is still burning and explosions are frequently heard. Nobody is allowed to enter Tokyo unless he carries with him a sufficient supply of food. A report from Odawara, yesterday, stated that the town had been washed away by tidal waves. It is now reported to be on fire.

**RELIEF WORK.**

The Osaka Municipality has voted ¥200,000 and Kobe ¥100,000 for relief. The Tokyo Government has ordered the Osaka and Kobe Municipalities to send 500,000 Koin of rice within three days. Warships have been ordered to transport relief supplies to Tokyo. It is not expected that the railway will be re-opened for some time; therefore relief must depend chiefly on the Navy.

An officer from the "London Maru" who went ashore at Yokohama, reported that dead bodies are scattered all over the place. Tons of thousands of refugees are gathered in Yokohama Park.

Even the cruisers engaged in salvage work on submarine No. 76 have been ordered to participate in relief work.

The Home Department has ordered the neighbouring Prefectures to move supplies of provisions to nearby ports, whence warships will undertake the transportation to Tokyo. The work of feeding over 2,000,000 inhabitants in Tokyo will call for the supreme efforts of the whole nation.

## AMONG THE INJURED. Prince Matsukata, who is staying at Kamakura, is reported to have been injured; also the Dowager Princess Kaya and Prince Takehito Yamashita.

### AMERICAN OFFER OF AID.

**DAIREN, September 2.**

The Commander of an American warship, which is now in port, has offered the Government the services of his ship and crew to assist in the relief of Tokyo.

### NAVY BUILDINGS SAFE.

**OSAKA, September 3.**

A naval wireless message reports that the Navy Department buildings in Tokyo are safe. It is reported that martial law has also been proclaimed in Yokohama.

### WORKING-CLASS DISTRICT BURNED.

**SAN FRANCISCO, September 2.**

The fire at Tokyo was controlled from noon to-day. The entire working class district has been burnt.

### LATER DETAILS.

**OSAKA, September 3.**

The Nagoya division received the following report from Lieutenant Ishida who reconnoitred Tokyo by aeroplane yesterday afternoon. "The place is safe and only partial damage has been done. Tokyo is devastated except the Ushigome Ward, part of the Koishigawa Ward, practically the whole of the Yotsuya Ward and the north side of Aoyama-dori.

Practically all the concrete buildings and brick buildings have collapsed. The Fukugawa Ward was flooded by the tidal wave. It was difficult to fly over the city owing to the flame and smoke. At Nikko where His Majesty is staying it is reported that there is no serious damage. The Imperial Household Department was also burned."

### NEWS FROM SHANGHAI.

**SHANGHAI, September 3.**

Bulletins from Japan report that 100,000 people perished in Tokyo and Yokohama alone. An explosion completely destroyed the arsenal, resulting in several thousand casualties. Six hundred perished when Japan's biggest railway tunnel at Sasako collapsed.

### OFFICIAL JAPANESE DISPATCH.

A Japanese destroyer at Amoy picked up the following message, which was retransmitted by Mr. Sasaki, consul at Amoy, to Mr. Takahashi this afternoon.

First information reached here 10 p.m. Saturday. Many houses collapsed at the first shock and fire broke out in 24 different places in the city and is still raging. Imperial Palace caught fire. Fukagawa district and Yokohama were completely destroyed. Shocks still being felt.

Fukagawa and Senju completely burnt to the ground. Dead bodies piled in heaps. Mitsukoshi, Imperial Theatre, Central Police Station and Imperial Palace completely gutted.

Whole city burning furiously. A later telegram read: Tokyo, September 2 Kaijo Building (six storeys) completely collapsed, causing 10,000 casualties. Emperor and Empress, who are at Nikko, are safe. The Kashiko-Dokoro, part of the Imperial Palace, is safe.

Yokohama, September 2: The city is wholly wrecked and fires broke out in many places. Casualties are estimated at 5,000 (50,000).

Nagoya, September 2:—City completely destroyed (probably Yokohama is meant). Tokyo under martial law and no one allowed to enter the city. Foreign Office said to have been burnt down; report is not yet confirmed.

### FOREIGN RESIDENTS' FATE UNCERTAIN.

**OSAKA, September 3.**

The safety of the foreign diplomatic representatives is not known and there is no news concerning the foreign residents of Tokyo. It is reported that the Yokohama Specie Bank and the Grand Hotel were demolished. The damage to buildings in the foreign settlement is reported to have been particularly serious. The latest estimate puts the Yokohama casualties at over a hundred thousand.

It is reported that the Imperial Palace has been thrown open to admit refugees. At a final Cabinet meeting yesterday morning Viscount Uchida decided on the promulgation of martial law and an Emergency Commanding Act and the establishment of a relief bureau.

### PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S SYMPATHY.

**NAGASAKI, September 3.**

A wireless message intercepted at Sasebo states that President Coolidge has sent a message of sympathy to the Emperor of Japan.

The Government has issued an Emergency Commanding Act.

Either the "Nagasaki Maru" or the "Shanghai Maru" will probably be transferred to Kobe to assist in relief work.

### TOKYO BAY LIGHTHOUSES USELESS.

**NAGASAKI, September 3.**

A wireless message via "Korea Maru" states that all light-houses in the Bay of Tokyo have been rendered useless at night time and navigation is dangerous.

### TWO EARTHQUAKES RECORDED HERE.

A second, smaller earthquake was recorded on the afternoon of September 1, beginning at 15h. 43m. and lasting until 16h. 51m. The maximum movement, 11 mm., occurred at 15h. 55m. Its origin was about 3,500 Kms. from Hongkong.

A third, large earthquake was recorded on the morning of September 2, beginning at 11h. 52m. and ending at 13h. 30m. The maximum movement, 75 mm., occurred at 12h. 40m. Its origin was also about 3,500 Kms. from Hongkong.

### LOCAL ANXIETY.

Naturally much anxiety is felt among the Japanese residents in Hongkong, many of whom have relatives in the districts stricken by the earthquake. Up to noon, the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Takahashi, had received no official news of the disaster, nor had any of the Japanese shipping companies received messages which could throw much light on the subject.

### CALLS OF SYMPATHY.

Capt. R. A. R. Neville, R.M.L.L., Aide-de-Camp to H.E. The Governor, called at the Imperial Japanese Consulate-General this morning to express the sympathy of the Colonial Government with Japan and to convey Sir Reginald and Lady Stubbs' personal regrets at learning of the disaster which had befallen the Japanese people.

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**MOLYNEUX**.—On August 25, 1923, at Shanghai, Eleanor (nee Rowley), wife of H. Lindsay Molyneux, of a son.  
**GOLDING**.—On August 25, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Golding, a son.  
**OLSEN**.—On August 26, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Olsen, a son.  
**BARKER**.—On August 25, 1923, at Victoria, B.C., to Mr. and Mrs. S. Barker, a son.  
**CHALMERS**.—On August 28, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Chalmers, a daughter.

**The China Mail.**

HONGKONG, MONDAY, SEPT. 3, 1923.

#### THE WEEK-END.

The Saturday to Monday respite has been full of overflowing with world events. For the many, it has been brief and peaceful, bringing with it that refreshment to mind and body which is so necessary in our present-day way of living. For a lesser number the period has been one of strained anxiety and embitterment, leading a step nearer to conflicts between nation and nation, involving others, and making the question of Peace in other directions a veritable thing of shreds and patches. To a friendly Nation, there has been no respite. The land of nature has been busy, and death, destruction and desolation for more than a goodly number has made respite from the world a very permanent thing. Nature moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform. If "Calamity is man's true touchstone," then the heart of mankind has been touched at the result of the ruthless calamity which has visited Japan, and the world's sympathy, and doubtless its practical sympathy should be found that such is needed, will go out in no uncertain and unstinted manner. Hostile and critical thoughts are

stayed at such a juncture and we see Japan, not as a commercial competitor, not as a scare monger would have us see her, but as a Nation and a people suddenly called to face the inexplicable. One terrible touch of Nature has indeed made the whole world kin. In Europe the conditions are such to make the most confirmed optimist and believer in man's humanity to man, hesitate. The war to end war, has to all intents and purposes, been a politician's phrase, a terminological paradox of intense inexactitude. "Here hath been dawning another blue day" and it has been used by one Power to seize the possession of another in defiance of treaties, agreements and the "scraps of paper" that once were as binding as a Chinese word of honour was wont to be. It is remarkable as it is refreshing to note the unanimity of the world's press in condemning the "hasty" typically Mussolini action, of the Italian Premier, for the hand is the Fascist one of the opportunist black-shirted leader of his people who according to one who knows him "realises how easily public opinion is won." It is such actions as the one now under question which makes the work of the League of Nations one of so much difficulty, of almost impossibility; which but serves to keep America from joining the Councils of the Nations assembled from time to time at Geneva; and makes for the abandonment of such tribunals and a return to an age when might as a moral force was deemed to be right. God may be on the side of the big battalions, although in the state of warfare which may be waged in the future this statement may have to go by the board, but commonsense and the soul-weariness of people generally, call for less drastic methods than imperative Notes and sensational seizures. We should soon know if all the circumstances of the case warrant what has been done and prove that this is not another bullying venture. Meanwhile we sincerely sympathise with our nearest neighbours, the Japanese, and have a word also for our Italian and Greek friends.

#### Those Shipping Profits.

Although definitely nailed in the Colony, Mr. Eric Moller's slanders against the Hongkong Government are still gaining ground elsewhere, notably in England. The comment we reproduce from *Truth* to-day is typical of the way the Colony's good name is being defamed. This comment is obviously based on partisan reports made before the Colonial Secretary's complete reply was published and therefore hardly requires answering locally. Everyone here must now realise that Mr. Moller is hopelessly in the wrong. Everyone does. Moreover the London paper must have discovered its error long ere this, and being famed for its fairness, must have already made full amends. Accordingly we do not propose to cover the ground again. Indeed our only object in touching upon this topic once more is to bring out one salient point which has hitherto escaped public notice. These ships made their huge profits solely through the war and had they not been brought under Imperial control they would have been the only ships enjoying the protection of the British flag that would have been allowed to profiteer without check. Putting it even more plainly, they would have fattened on the general misfortune, purely for private gain. That they did make huge profits is not denied; but it is pointed out that those profits would never have come into being at all had not the war forced the Imperial Government to take many better ships away from their usual work. How can we have the reason why the Moller ships were brought under control—the British Government wanted every line treated alike. Since these same huge profits were made out of the war, the Imperial Government further ruled that the taxpayer should reap the chief benefit, the owners receiving what they would ordinarily have made. Hence the indemnity laws. These facts we stress now, not to confound Mr. Moller still further, but that would only be wasting ink now that his reckless charges have been utterly disproved—but simply to support a plea we think cannot be too strongly urged. The Government, we are told, have not yet finally decided how the money shall be spent. They can hardly devote it to any purpose connected with the war, and an ample treasury will meet the Colony's usual needs. Therefore what could be more fitting than that this money made through shipping should be devoted to the benefit of shipping?

#### The Disaster In Japan.

World-wide sympathy will be extended to the Japanese nation in the terrible loss of life and destruction of property that has overtaken the cities of Tokyo and Yokohama and a number of smaller towns and innumerable villages through Saturday's severe earthquake shock, which was followed by outbreaks of fire. At this writing, only the barest details are available; Tokyo is completely cut off from the outside world as telephone and telegraph communications are cut and wireless messages receive no response, indicating that the Naval Department plant is completely wrecked. The seat of eruption was in the "semi-active" volcanic range of Mount Fuji, dear to the hearts of all true Japanese, and a land-mark that catches the eye of visitors to Japan by steamer. Since it erupted with destructive violence in 1707, Fuji has remained inactive but the presence of a deep red-hot crater at the summit has long afforded an ominous sign to seismologists that it might be aroused to fury at any time. From past experiences it is fair to presume that fire has been responsible for the heavy loss of life, though naturally even Japan's so-called earthquake proof wooden structures could scarcely be expected to stand a shock at noon which lasted over six minutes and was repeated intermittently until sundown. In the Japan Year Book 1923 Professor F. Omori is quoted as stating that "Japan will be free for a generation or so from any disastrous seismic visitation," which unfortunately demonstrates how difficult it is for seismologists to issue any warning as in the case of typhoons. In addition to earthquake and fire a tidal wave at Yokohama appears to have been responsible for further loss of life and damage. With water-pressure unavailable the fire-brigade will be practically powerless despite the river and canals round Tokyo. Shinagawa, a suburb of Tokyo, is where the poorer classes dwell and as the district is very congested, it is to be feared that the loss of life is bound to be heavy. The fact that the Imperial Palace, which is isolated, caught fire, indicates that the outbreaks in Tokyo have been largely due to spasmodic fires in widely-separated spots, which will naturally be almost impossible to control. Shiba, where the majority of the foreigners dwell, has apparently escaped the fire as has the district of Hibiy Park since no specific mention is made of the *Japan Times* building or the Diet (House of Parliament). This district is across a deep canal from where the *Japan Advertiser* building stands, so it is

to be hoped that the entire city will not be razed to the ground. Relief ships are hastening to the scene and both the British and American Commanders in China Waters are sending vessels to Yokohama. Naturally Japanese, European and American residents here are most anxious, but they can take comfort that all towns south-west of Kyoto, at any rate, are safe, while no news from towns north of Tokyo must be taken to signify "good news" for the present.

#### To-day's Poem.

When pain and anguish seem too great,  
And for relief too long I wait  
I close my eyes that I may see  
The Cross of One who died for me;  
And as He hangs suspended there,  
Christ sees my grief and bears a share;  
For God is love, He knows and feels,  
He, stooping, touches, cleanses, heals.  
—JIMMY HOWCROFT.  
(The broken Altar).

#### SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Adversely  
In This Mail.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 3.—Coronet Theatre; Mabel Normand in "Molly O."  
September 3.—Star Theatre; Anna Stewart in "Playthings of Destiny."  
September 3.—World Theatre; Herbert Rawlinson in "The Scarlet Car."

#### AUCTIONS.

September 4.—Lammert Bros., at Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, five A. E. G. electric motors with accessories, one set rails, and one air-cooled starter for each motor, 11 a.m.  
September 6.—Lammert Bros., at Kowloon-Canton Railway, Locomotive Yard, Hung Hom, (Kowloon), a quantity of miscellaneous stores, 11 a.m.

#### MEETING.

December 12.—Meeting of Unsecured Creditors of the Hongkong Branch of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, at the City Hall, 3 p.m.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New York, September 2.—Many anthracite miners struck at midnight.—*Reuter*.  
A meeting of the Education Board will be held in the Sanitary Board Room on Wednesday afternoon.

Information has been received that quarantine imposed on arrivals from Hongkong was withdrawn by Shanghai on August 28.

A Renter cable from Wollongong, N.S.W., reports that China defeated the South Coast Association by one goal to nil.  
From Messrs. A. Fong, No. 1 d'Aguilar Street, we have received some excellent photographs of the Wong-wei-chong floods.

The foundations of the new building of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Tientsin are expected to be laid next month.

At Messrs. Christie's a Chinese lacquer screen, carved with landscapes and warriors, and painted in polychrome, fetched £115 10s.

The road round the island, via Repulse Bay and Shaukiwan, was again open to traffic yesterday, after being partially closed owing to rain and typhoon damage.

The Local Manager of the Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. has received cabled advice that the Bank has declared an Interim dividend of 8% less income tax.

Mr. Kang Yu-wei, the famous Cantonese monarchical advocate, returned to Shanghai from the north several days ago and has now left for Hangchow. In the north Mr. Kang conferred with the different leaders, including Marshals Tsao Kun and Wu Pei-fu.

The excellent photographs we published on Saturday of the Wong-wei-chong floods were taken by Messrs. Mee Fong, No. 7 Wyndham Street. Messrs. Mee Fong have many good photographs of the damage, also of the recent typhoon.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. P. H. B. Kent, M.C., barrister-at-law, is expected to return to China next month. Mr. Kent has been negotiating for the renewal of the British Concession Crown leases.

Commissions have been issued in the British Volunteer Corps at Tientsin as follows:—Mr. B. H. Puckle D.S.O., to be Captain; Mr. J. A. Andrew, to be Lieutenant; Mr. P. Travers-Smith to be 2nd Lieutenant.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

##### LOCAL SALARIES.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir,—The Colonial Secretary mentioned at the Council meeting that when the Government gives their clerical staff increases of salary, it reflects on the charges which commercial houses have to bear. By this I take it that he means that he is afraid that it would handicap commercial houses if the Government clerks had increases. Although nobody has troubled to draw up statistics or charts, men who have experience of the Colony will, I submit, agree that the average pay for local men in business houses is much higher than that in the Civil Service. Moreover commercial employees have greater prospects and their annual increases are bigger. Against this, Government clerks get their pensions, but I am told that this is rather difficult to attain to. Ask the average local boy who is about to leave school and I think the majority will choose commercial life. If what I maintain is correct it stands to reason that the Government will not get the pick of clerks, although examples like the Hon. Mr. Kotewall and Mr. Wong Kwong-tin are exceptions. These two gentlemen leaving the service for commercial life after they had reached the top of the tree only serves to strengthen my argument. Old residents will tell you that there is considerable room for improvement in the subordinate service including much-needed increases.

Some time back there was agitation because there was a lack of teachers. If the Education Department is to secure the services of men who are to make a life-work of teaching junior classes in schools for Chinese boys, a system of more rapid promotion will have to be brought in. Reference to the Civil Service book will bear this out as there are Chinese masters earning salaries which would be snuffed at by Chinese clerks with moderate ability and a few years' experience.

It seems to be agreed that the P.W.D. staff has to be strengthened. Without wishing to raise the racial question I would like to ask why the Government does not pick the cream of engineering graduates from the University for the service. If the Hongkong examinations are on a par with the London University surely local men will have just as much ability as those from the Mother Country. Appointments of Hongkong men on the same footing as those from Home would act as a wonderful incentive to people to send their children to that "light-house of learning."

Yours etc.

PROGRESS.

Hongkong, August 31.

##### ANOTHER CAMPAIGN.

##### FIGHTING IN KWANGSI.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WUCHOW, Sept. 1. It is exceedingly difficult for merchandise or passengers to get up to inland ports above Wuchow as fighting has broken out between the anti-Sun Kwangsi soldiers under Shum Hung-ying and the so-called "allies," in reality, a combination of free-lancers, bandits and Cantonese troops who were driven from their own province in the recent fighting. This is not the result of any political motive but an every-day scrap for a place to rule, or in other words, a desire to find a means of livelihood. One of Sun Yat-sen's gunboats which assisted in the taking of Wuchow has gone further up the river to help capture Kwai Yuen, the stronghold of the Kwangsi-ites.

Trade is almost paralysed as the military in power demand several thousands of dollars for safe escort for each motor-launch. Cargo in junks is also assessed at prohibitive rates. If these levies are paid there is still considerable danger from ricochet bullets flying in all directions. Soon there will be a congestion of produce in the upper reaches of the West River with a corresponding shortage of rice and manufactured imports. More than half of the raw produce exported to Hongkong comes from points above Wuchow and the last four steamers did not get their usual complement of cargoes.

##### PIRATED STEAMER.

##### WEST RIVER PATROL QUESTION.

In the House of Commons, in mail week, Mr. Stewart asked the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether a British steamer flying the British flag had been recently pirated at Samshui, on the West River, in the neighbourhood of Canton; whether any steps as to obtaining reparations had been taken; and whether there was any gunboat patrol on the West River at the present time. Mr. McNeill.—No official report of the incident has yet been received. There is a patrol of four British gunboats on the West River.

#### MOURNING.

##### MR. PARKER PASSES BY.

I weep for Adonais—he is dead!  
Oh, weep for Adonais! though our tears  
Thaw not the frost which binds so dear a head!

By this, our Adonais will probably be leaning over a ship's side, very green in the face, realising that there are more things in heaven and earth and our insides than were ever dreamt of. Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, as his corpse to the Grill room we hurried. We did not say much other things were full besides our hearts, for the drink was shandy, and the soup tomato. We clinked glasses and later on said the usual. And now he is gone with our Anatole France tokens of goodwill. The Theosophists know him not again; the Book Club likewise; whilst the P.E.N. Club is desolate—it has lost it: Committed! We shall not now rise on Tuesday mornings and look eagerly for the thoughts that brightened our "outlook." The loss of them is Hongkong's, although it may not think so. We pressed upon our Adonais a stick of shaving soap and one of toilet. A spare pair of socks which the floods had made us purchase were to be his, but he proudly reminded us to be already had a pair. Always this attitude: "Under the bludgeonings of Chance, my head is bloody but unbowed."

It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punish-  
ments the scroll,  
I am the Master of my fate;  
I am the Captain of my soul.  
Oh, weep for Adonais—he is gone—to Shanghai.

##### MOLLY O'.

##### IRISH AS THEY MAKE THEM.

Mack Sennet, who is responsible for this production, has hitherto been noted for his "bathing beauties," fulfilling no function beyond the very pleasant one of looking pretty. They appear in this film, but in no compelling way being a necessary adjunct to the story and in that way very acceptable. Mabel Normand makes an appearance which shows her as an actress of considerable parts in a story which is homely and, strange to say, does not finish where one might expect it to—with the happy ending of a happy marriage. Mack Sennett has, in this way, given considerable value and provided incidents which, with the happily-worded explanations thrown on the screen, cause a generous outflow of hearty laughter. Molly's parents are not of the stage variety. They are genuinely homely people whom we have met; living as such people do and "carrying-on" with an honest morality which has no frills but is as severe as it will can be. The types shown are all true to nature, and visitors who go to see "Molly O'" may depend upon seeing a picture that will certainly please. The idea of introducing an aeroplane incident to finish with is as original as it is exciting. The incidental music supplied by the orchestra is enchanting, providing one or two Irish melodies which delight the ear. The opening pictures include an interesting view of the walls of Peking.

##### KONGMOON ITEMS.

##### MARKING TIME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON, September 1. H.M.S. "Robin" arrived here yesterday evening. The Chinese gunboat "Kong Tai" has returned from Chin Shan, the district near Macao and is presumed that the fighting there has died down. Just at present, Pak Kai, the port of Kongmoon, has the appearance of a naval port, there being in addition to the "Robin" and the gunboat, about ten small craft in the harbour. "Marking time" is the state of things but press-gangs took away about seventy men for the First Division which is going to the Wai-chow front. Their roping in caused considerable excitement at Pak Kai. The flood is rapidly going down.

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Mr. Maurice Carlo, merchant, Hongkong Hotel, to Miss Laura Dronn, 14 Seymour Terrace; Mr. C. E. V. dos Remedios, bank clerk, "The Hut," Castle Road, to Miss Maria Amalia Carvalho, 152 Nathan Road; Mr. B. N. Collison, Gas Works, to Miss Jessie McNeill, 5 Min Chuan Villas, Kowloon; and Mr. Chalkman Pong, 8 Homuntin, to Miss L. E. Robbins, 10 Homuntin, Kowloon.

#### LUCKY WINNERS.

##### PROGRAMMES WORTH FIVE DOLLARS.

If the holders of the Theatre programmes mentioned below will forward them to the China Mail Office, coupons to the value of \$5, each will be issued entitling the holders to obtain goods of an equivalent value from any of the advertisers in the *China Mail*.  
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Patrons of the three Theatres The Coronet, The Star and the World are advised to retain their programmes.

#### BASEBALL.

##### INDIANS WIN AFTER CLOSE GAME.

[By Argus.]

The Indians defeated the Portuguese, yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley, in the Hongkong Baseball League by 14 to 12. The fielding under the circumstances was good, but some very wild throwing was seen on both sides. In the second half of the first inning, the Indians were 1-0, but the Portuguese scored 7 in the first half of the second to which the Indians replied with a single. Onar, who had displaced Kareem as pitcher, dismissed the Portuguese in the third with no addition to the score. Some wild throwing by the Portuguese allowed 6 men to cross the plate, making the score 8-7 in favour of the Indians. At the end of the fourth, the Indians added another 4 runs. In the fifth, the Portuguese got one man home, the score-board reading 12-8. At the end of the sixth, the score was 14-9. In the seventh, the Portuguese rallied again and made the score 14-12. The Indians failed to score and, after the Portuguese had been dismissed in the eighth without adding to their total, the game was called on account of darkness.

Throughout the game sections of the spectators made themselves a regular nuisance by crowding onto the field of play. Mr. Koch continually requested them to stand back, as did the players, but the requests fell on deaf ears. Three of the spectators were hit by foul "frys"—as one was remarked "they were unfortunately hurt because the ball hit them on the body instead of on the head." Joking apart, there is certain to be a serious accident one of these days if spectators will not show a little less obstinacy and selfishness.

The line-up was:—  
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J. C. Omar  
H. Smail C. J. Soares  
S. Sephar B. D. Xavier  
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N. Kitchell C. F. Barros  
S. A. Smail R. F. C. Pereira  
R. M. Omar L. F. A. Rull  
Umpires: Mr. H. Koch, Mr. A. N. Othor.

SCORE BY INNINGS.  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8  
Portuguese... 0 7 0 0 1 1 3 0 = 12  
Indians..... 1 6 4 0 2 0 7 = 14

#### LANDSLIDES.

##### FLOOD AFTERMATH.

Several collapses and landslides occurred during the week-end as a result of the heavy rains during the last few days. At Glenally, to the west of the Botanical Gardens, large quantities of earth and stones were dislodged from a height of thirty and forty feet and the road was completely blocked. Fortunately no chair or pedestrian was caught.

The walls of a soap-factory at Saigon Road, Kowloon City gave way on Saturday without causing any casualties. On Friday night, a similar collapse occurred at Holy Cross Street, Shaukiwan, where a three-storeyed building caved in.

Yesterday, another of the one-storeyed houses in Wong Nei Chong village, gave way, as the result of weakened foundations brought about by Wednesday's flood. The inmates were prepared for it and nobody was injured.

The wedding took place on August 20 at the American Consulate, Yokohama, before Mr. P. E. Jenks, Vice-Consul, and afterwards at the Church of the Sacred Heart, of Miss Loretta Henzies of New York, who arrived on the "Empress of Asia," and Mr. P. Loeffler, of the International Banking Corporation at Tientsin. The honeymoon will be spent in the Hakone district, after which the young couple will proceed to Tientsin.



## TERRIBLE DISASTER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Later in the morning, the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher C.M.G., C.B.E., also called to express the sympathy of the British Community. Representatives of the Consular Body also called upon Mr. Takahashi during the forenoon.

## "EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA."

Mr. P. A. Cox, General Agent of the Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd., has received the following telegram from the Kobe Office: "Earthquake Yokohama September 1. Unable to communicate with them. The following message was received by the s.s. 'Philoctetes,' September 1, from the 'Empress of Australia,' but was not delivered until the arrival of the 'Philoctetes' this p.m. The message reads: 'Empress of Australia' safe at pier. Unable to proceed to sea until extent of damage to propeller is ascertained. Damage was caused by fouling other steamers. Diver not obtainable. Office (Yokohama) destroyed; unable to report at present regarding staff."

A wireless message has been sent to the "Empress of Canada," which was due at Yokohama this morning, asking further details of damage at Yokohama, but no reply had been received when we went to press.

H. M. S. "Dionede," we understand, has been ordered to proceed to Yokohama with supplies and offer her services for relief work.

## LATEST CRISIS.

## EUROPE'S NEW DANGER.

## ITALIAN MASSACRE SEQUEL.

## LEAGUE INTERVENTION PROSPECTS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ROME, September 2. Italian troops have occupied the small islands of Paxos and Antipaxos. This is regarded here simply as the completion of the Italian action at Corfu.

## NOT LEAGUE'S "PIDGIN"?

PARIS, September 2. In well-informed circles it is believed that the adjournment of the League of Nations' decision on the Greek appeal till Tuesday is due to a doubt whether the League is legally entitled to take the place of the Conference of Ambassadors in settling the Italo-Greek dispute.

## GREEKS INDIGNANT.

ATHENS, September 2. There is a storm of indignation in Greece over the Italian action. All the theatres are closed as a sign of mourning and numerous public bodies have protested in the newspapers unanimously condemning the action.

## PREMIER PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Conversing with the American delegates who were leaving Athens for Geneva to attend the International Near East conference on September 7, Premier Gonatas declared that the Greek Government firmly believed the massacre was not committed by Greeks. The allegations that it was committed by Greek bands and connived at by the Government were unfounded. The Italian demands were unjust because Italy had no proofs whereon she could in the slightest hold the Greek Government responsible. The Greeks had committed no wrong and national honour would not permit them to plead guilty to the crime by accepting the remaining Italian demands.

## GREEK SHIPPING PARALYSED.

LONDON, September 2. From Athens it is semi-officially stated that the Italian submarine seized the steamer "Giorgio" which it fired at in the Gulf of Goumenitza. The Italian Admiral Bellini has forbidden Greek steamers to pass the Straits of Otranto. Four Greek steamers are detained in Italian ports. All the Greek shipping companies have suspended sailings to Italy but Greece is still permitting Italian ships to call at Greek ports. The Government has provided a detachment of thirty men to guard the Italian legation at Athens.

## "FUGITIVES OF CAPORETTO."

ATHENS, September 2. The newspaper *Eleftherotypos* was suspended for a day for styling the Italians "Fugitives of Caporetto." The censor was dismissed for allowing publication of the insult.

## ITALY REJECTS LEAGUE'S DECISION

ATHENS, September 2. The Italian Minister, Senor Montagna, has informed the Government that Italy refuses to accept the decision of the League of Nations.

## MILITARY ATTACHE RECALLED.

ATHENS, September 2. It is reported, so far without confirmation, that the Italians have occupied the islands of Cephalonia and Samos. It is announced that the Italian legation suddenly recalled Colonel Perone, the Italian military attaché sent to Janina to enquire into the massacre of the Italian mission.

## SUFFICIENT.

LONDON, September 3. The Italian Embassy here states that the occupation of Corfu is sufficient for the purpose in view. The Embassy states that there is no truth in the reports that other islands have been occupied by Italian forces.

## ALLEGED INSULT.

ROME, September 3. It is semi-officially stated here that the population of Crete demonstrated before the Italian Consulate and the personnel of which was endangered. It is alleged that the Italian flag was also insulted.

## IRISH ELECTIONS.

## A GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

DUBLIN, September 2.

Positions of Parties this evening were:—

Government	62
Republicans	43
Independents	16
Farmers	14
Labour	14

Four returns are outstanding, all at West Cork where counting only began yesterday. The new Dail assembles September 19. There is much speculation as to whether the Republicans will put in an appearance!

The final figures are:—

Government	63
Republicans	44
Independent	16
Farmers	15
Labour	15

## MINERS STRIKE.

## AMERICAN TROUBLES.

NEW YORK, September 2. Following the rejection of various compromises 158,000 anthracite miners struck although the Government is continuing negotiations.

## PROPERTY.

## STILL BOOMING.

Difficulties amongst Chinese property men were mentioned some time ago, being attributed to native banks and financiers refusing to advance loans on property at inflated values. Enquiries were made during the week-end as the result of Jardine's recent sale. From various sources it was learnt that although there has been a curb to speculation through the banks calling up their loans bona fide transfers were still being recorded in solicitors' offices every day.

Two men with years of experience in the local property market admitted that large profits had been made through the artificial rise in land and house values but the money only came from the property men themselves. Outsiders who had come in rashly were caught but it was added that if they hung on to their purchases the natural upward trend would soon bring their values into line.

More recently property men were dealing in genuine transfers instead of paying a small sum as bargain money and waiting for a favourable opportunity to sell before a sale need be completed. Most of the transactions now, it was said, were for buyers who had money to invest. The recent political shuffles in both South and North China had caused quite a number of officials to bring their wealth into the Colony for investment in real estate. Another source of new capital mentioned was the abnormal profits cleared by stockholders in the last Marco Polo monopoly. Poor tin and rubber prospects in the Malay States had, we are also informed, caused many Chinese to return, as exchange was favourable to their doing so and some of them had invested their wealth in property. In this connection it was stated that a number of money loan associations had been formed in the Malay States by Cantonese ladies with a view to buying property in Hongkong in anticipation of a return.

Questioned as to which part of the Colony had the best opportunities for genuine development, an old Chinese broker said the mainland. Attention was concentrated there in land adjoining the urban districts. However, the broker would not commit himself as to whether there was a possibility of the business centre being transferred from the island. However, he hinted that a syndicate which would run river steamers to the Canton delta, would build their wharves in Yunnan, as it was exceedingly difficult to find proper berthing accommodation on the island water-front. In his opinion a terminus at Yunnan would act as a wonderful incentive to business there.

As to prospects in other parts of the Colony, the broker admitted that there was a good deal of money to be made out of pulling down ramshackle buildings in the Chinese residential areas and re-building more modern flats. This, he said, was particularly so in the Sheung Wan and Sai Ying Pun districts. He predicted a continuation of the building boom as soon as better weather sets in as capitalists were waiting to buy up old property to re-build.

In spite of the rumour circulated some time back that the stringency of the money market would act as a deterrent to property deals, our informant said that a good many financiers were interested in property themselves and money for trade would be diverted on account of bad times. He instanced the sale of Jardine's property as an example of there being ample funds to finance development.



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## THEATRE ROYAL.

## COMING TOM FENWICK SEASON.

An interesting announcement has been made to the effect that a Quadruple Bill will be presented by Mr. Tom Fenwick and Miss Tina Gerald at the Theatre Royal on Friday next under the Patronage of His Excellency The Governor. The Theatre Royal has been closed for some months while undergoing complete repairs and renovation and this will be the public's first opportunity of seeing it in all its newly acquired glory. The performances promise to be decidedly original and should draw crowded houses on Friday and Saturday. It is of special interest to learn that most of the plays to be presented are the work of Mr. Fenwick who will also perform in each of his own productions. Of these, special mention should be made of "The Intruder" a startling modern mystery, and "Edward Glanville-Husband" which will be produced for the first time on any stage on Saturday. These talented young artists have been touring the East for some time with well-merited success. Their venture is a decided innovation but unlike most innovations, was instantaneously successful from the start. To present a programme of four complete one-act plays in one evening, and each one contrasting so greatly with the remaining three, speaks volumes for the talent and versatility of the artists concerned. Yet in spite of the novel nature of the programme which is divided between drama, comedy, mystery and farce, the bookings have been reduced to their pre-war rates, a step which will receive the hearty commendation of the Theatre-going public. Full houses are confidently anticipated for these unique performances, and this will incidentally demonstrate to other theatrical managers, the wisdom of bringing down prices to the normal level.

## OPIUM.

## YUNNAN MONOPOLY.

## HONGKONG MAN'S EFFORTS.

With reference to the militarist exportation of opium from Yunnan referred to by Mr. Hsia, says the International Anti-Opium Association, the matter was originally brought to the notice of our Association in the early part of the year by an energetic Chinese Anti-Opium Worker in Hongkong. Details and names were given of a syndicate with a capital of \$1,000,000 formed for the purpose of exporting 500 tons of Yunnan opium to North China. The Hongkong enthusiast sent copies of his report to the Inspector General of Customs, The French Minister, The Board of Interior, and through our Association to the League of Nations. Diplomatic action has resulted in 250 tons being still unexported, but portions of the earlier 150 tons have been seized at several northern ports.

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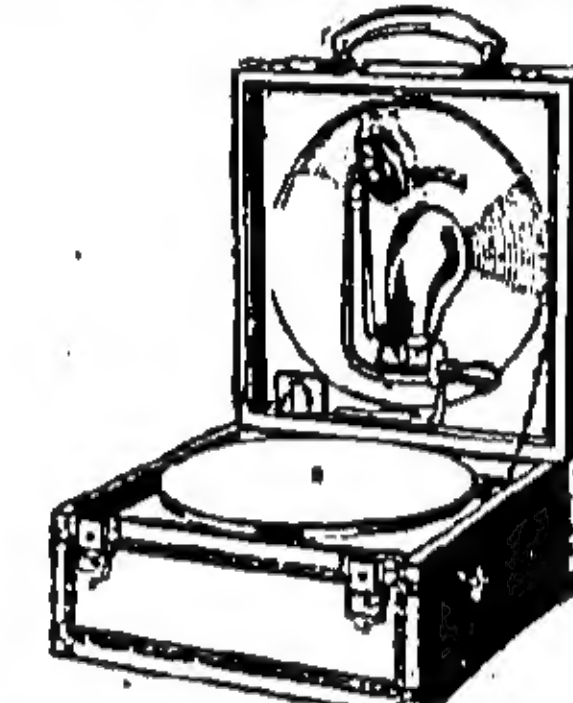


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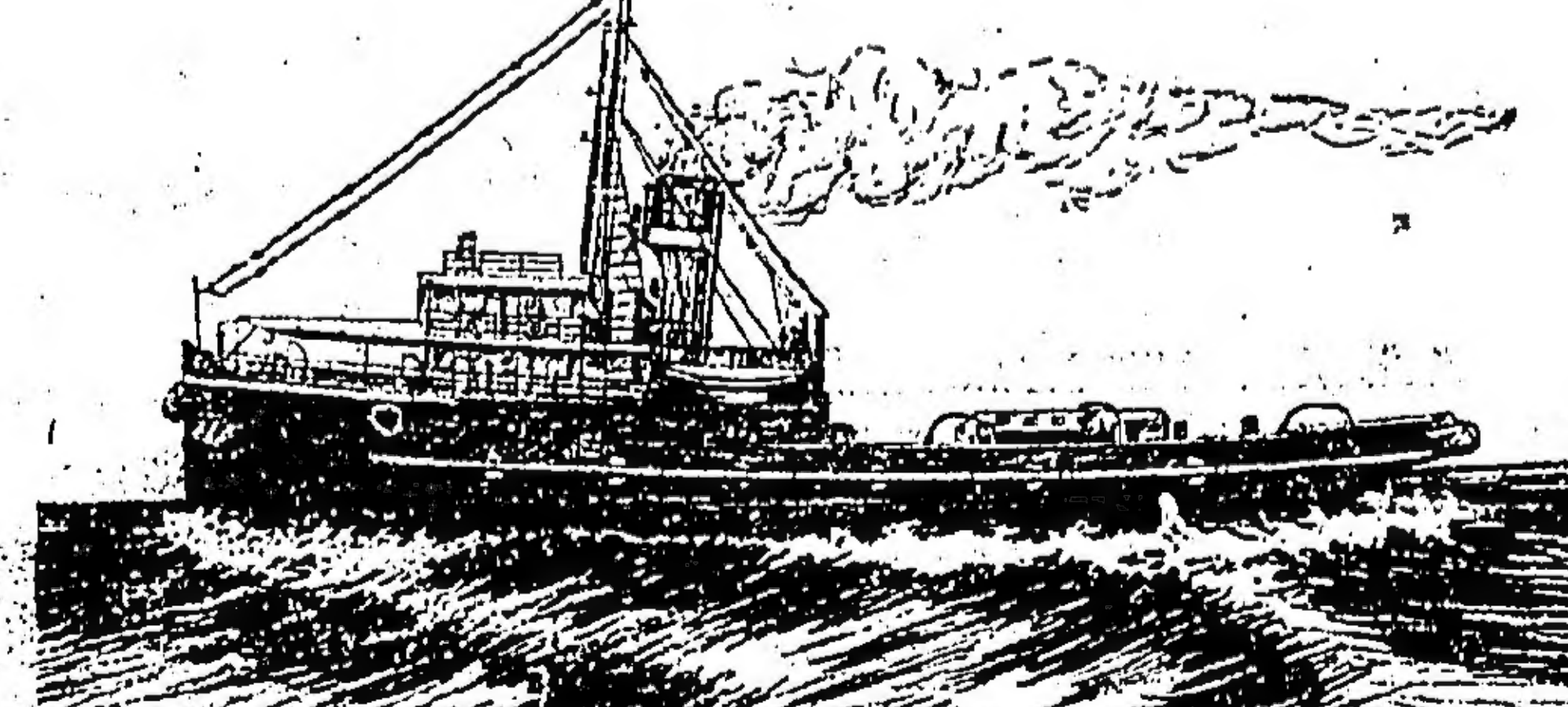
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## WATCHING THE PLUM.

## CHAOS AT AMOY.

## ATTACKERS MARKING TIME.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AMOY, August 27.

While there is still a possibility of heavy fighting both on the Island and in the city of Amoy, the general trend of events leads one to believe that the present lull is due to the inability of the attacking forces to come to any sort of agreement as to the future of the city or to any plan of action or unity of command. If General Hong Ch'iao-jin and General Kao Gi can come to some mutual understanding and be sure of support and covering from the naval unit, now reduced to two men-of-war, Amoy could be taken without serious loss of life or damage to property.

General Kao Gi, acting under the orders of General Wong Eng-chuan at Foochow, does not wish to assume command of the general attack and has requested General Hong Ch'iao-jin (now in Swatow), to take charge of operations. General Hong is not at all willing to take upon himself the responsibility of attack. He does not trust the Naval unit, and without their covering fire he would be forced to make a surprise night attack with the possibility of finding them standing behind his landing party with their usual request. Moreover, should General Kao turn aside from the path of honour, he would find himself in an impossible position and would be forced to leave his army to its fate.

General Chang Li-peng at Amoy has put the city in a state of defence, outposts are lining the hills, field guns are mounted along the slopes guarding the city, and the fort is garrisoned. The number of troops at his disposal is estimated at 7,000; they are not well trained and little can be expected from their artillery. Nevertheless, should the defending troops remain loyal, a strong combined effort on the part of both attacking forces will be necessary, but it is highly improbable that the rank and file have enough interest in the result to offer any stubborn resistance. The surrounding country lends itself to defence and a landing must be made, moreover, General Chang may be able to buy over one of the attacking forces and save the situation without risk of defeat.

General Hong has about 12,000 troops in Shih Mah; they are not well trained and have little discipline, looting, rape, and destruction.

being the order of the day. The General is therefore not at all popular as an aspirant to the reins of office in Amoy. General Kao has a considerable number of troops in the surrounding districts but it is not known how many he intends to allocate to General Hong for the capture of Amoy. He is more popular and has maintained fairly strict discipline, there being very little looting and no rape.

## NAVAL UNIT NEUTRAL.

It is nearly certain that the Naval unit is neutral and will continue to remain in the enviable position of being paid by both sides to do the thing that suits them best. They are well trained as Chinese troops in the Southern provinces go, but are merely out for cash.

All factions are watching the plum, which neither wants the other to get, but are not strong enough or brave enough to get themselves. The plum is the money extorted from a weak and badly frightened Chamber of Commerce, and by the opium tax which will be due for collection.

## TRADE AT STANDSTILL.

In the meantime Amoy is in a state of siege and trade is at a standstill. Very few local craft are running, most of them having been seized by one of the various brands of armies, consequently the supply of water, wood and vegetables has stopped and the position will soon become serious. The price of wood has doubled and vegetables are very scarce and dear. Looting in the city continues to increase but is still far from serious although most of the large shops have closed.

Naval piquets from H.M.S. "Durban" and "Foxglove" still occupy the British Concession. There has been no friction between the Chinese troops surrounding the Bund.

Firing into the air or water during the nights seems to be a favourite pastime with the defending troops, but it also keeps the harbour clear of craft after dark.

## RUSH FOR KULANGSU.

The International Settlement of Kulangsu—half a mile across the harbour—has up to the present been left severely alone by the Military. Deserters from the various forces have been dismissed or sent out of Settlements limits. There have been no serious crimes and at present it seems to be the oasis of the surrounding districts, for the normal population of about 18,000 has increased to nearly 50,000. There is a danger that the limited supply of water obtainable will not stand the increased call upon it and as precaution all building operations have been stopped by order of the Municipal Council.

The following warships are still in port:—H.M.S. "Durban," H.M.S. "Foxglove," U. S. Sloop "Ashesville," and a Japanese destroyer.

## EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

## EARLY REPORTS OF GREAT DESTRUCTION.

## IN TOKYO AND YOKOHAMA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

Below will be found the first authentic details reaching here of the unprecedented character of the earthquake in Japan, which lasted over six minutes. Fires have broken out in Tokyo and Yokohama and the loss of life has been exceedingly heavy.

**OSAKA, September 1.**  
A slight vibration was again felt at 2.25 this afternoon. According to the Osaka Observatory the seismic centre is probably the Izu peninsula. The seismograph showed vibration for nearly an hour and a half. The Tokaido railway line (the trunk line through Japan) is seriously damaged in several places.

At Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, and Kyoto there is no damage. Nagasaki did not feel the vibration. Telegraph and telephone communication between Osaka and Tokyo is totally interrupted.

**OSAKA, September 1.**  
A message from Nagasaki says a naval wireless received at Sascho from Funahashi states that at Tokyo to-day there had been a rainstorm of exceptional severity and repeated earthquakes. Another wireless reports that at Yokohama a fire broke out and that the inhabitants are taking refuge on the "London Maru" and the "Paris Maru" which are lying at anchor in the harbour.

## NEWS FROM AMERICA.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.**  
Practically the whole of Yokohama is ablaze, subsequent to a severe earthquake. There are numerous casualties.

**OSAKA, Sept. 2.**

All communications with Tokyo are still interrupted, but unconfirmed reports received in a roundabout way indicate that at Tokyo yesterday morning there was a typhoon which subsided shortly before noon, when suddenly there were destructive earthquakes, followed by conflagrations, throwing the town into chaos, the inhabitants being terror-stricken. It is feared that there are considerable casualties. The town of Yokohama was reported to be still burning at 8.30 last evening. The buildings destroyed were mostly close to the harbour, many houses being washed away by tidal waves. A number of small towns at the foot of Mount Fuji are reported to be completely destroyed and hundreds of lives were lost.

In Shizuoka prefecture a warning of tidal waves was issued. Tunnels are destroyed and bridges in several places near Mount Fuji.

Terrific havoc has been caused at many summer resorts. At Atami the fatalities are said to be 500. At Gotemba and likewise at Numazu and Hakone the earthquake was very severe.

## PART OF TOKYO ABLAZE.

**OSAKA, Sept. 2.**  
Newspaper extras report that the Imperial Palace at Tokyo is partially afire, and that the whole town is ablaze except in the direction of Shiba. The city water supply has stopped.

Osaka is sending the steamer "Chicago Maru" on a relief mission. She is leaving this afternoon.

TOKYO BUILDINGS  
DEMOLISHED.

**NAGASAKI, Sept. 2.**  
A special messenger from Tokyo is hurrying to Akakura hot spring, where Princess Nagaki is staying, to report the conditions at Tokyo. Interviewed en route he said the Palace fire was not serious, but the Mitsukoshi Store, the Imperial Theatre, the Imperial University and other important buildings are demolished. Fire is raging at Akasaka.

**OSAKA, September 2.**  
A Naval wireless message received at Sascho from Funahashi says: There is no communication between Tokyo and Funahashi. Men despatched to Tokyo to obtain a report have not yet returned, but stories of refugees indicate many buildings were demolished by the first shock. The Mitsukoshi department store caught fire. The fire is spreading towards the Palace, flames consuming the metropolitan police station and the Imperial Theatre. The same report says the Navy Department has not answered a wireless call and it is therefore feared that this department also is afire.

From other reports it appears that fire broke out in forty-eight places in the Tokyo business district, like Nihonbashi with its many important banks and offices. The educational centre of Kanda and other sections have all suffered terrible destruction. The Palace is reported to be still burning. Shingawa has been washed by tidal waves.

## YOKOHAMA IN RUINS.

Yokohama harbour is reported demolished; likewise, the Yokohama and Asano dockyards. All reports indicate Yokohama to be an immense mass of ruins.

## REGENT AND PREMIER.

**OSAKA, Sept. 2.**  
A member of the staff of the Osaka Mainichi, who happened to be in Tokyo yesterday, has telegraphed the first detailed report from the city. He says the Prince Regent is safe, and Count Yamamoto had a very narrow escape. The Cabinet has not yet been officially formed.

The newspaper offices of the Tokyo Asahi, the Jiji, Kokumin and the Japan Advertiser are destroyed. Osaka is despatching the "Senkai Maru" to Tokyo laden with food and drinking water. Kobe is likewise despatching the "Yamashiro Maru."

The safety of the Prince Regent is confirmed. His Majesty is sojourning at Nikko.

## 300,000 HOMELESS.

A wireless message from the "Korea Maru" says that 200,000 inhabitants at Yokohama are homeless and without food. Thousands have taken refuge on the "Paris Maru," "Harbin Maru" and "Italy Maru."

## DAMAGE AT YOKOSUKA.

The Commander of the Kure Naval Station has received a wireless from Funahashi reporting a serious conflagration at Yokosuka. The Naval buildings and hospitals have been burned and medical instruments, drugs and food are wanted.

The Nagoya division is mobilising aeroplanes to ascertain the condition of Tokyo.

## FIRST DETAILED REPORT.

According to the Mainichi correspondent's story, since the morning yesterday, there had been strong wind. It was cloudy and hot, and at noon there was a terrible shock, which was repeated over ten times. All dwellings, offices and other building were either completely or partially damaged. People fled from their houses, jamming the streets and available open spaces. Intermittent shocks continued until sundown. Fire broke out everywhere. Fanned by the strong wind it spread in all directions and it was impossible to control it owing to the stoppage of the water, thus leaving the whole town at the mercy of the flames.

The correspondent left Tokyo at nine o'clock last night. At that time already many Government offices had been burned, including the Home Department, and the Metropolitan Police Station. He estimates 200,000 buildings had been reduced to ashes at the time of his departure, when Tokyo was still burning in many places.

## GREAT CASUALTY LIST.

The casualties cannot be estimated. Troops and surgeons are giving first aid. At the Government Printing Office thousands of workmen were killed and injured; at the Nihon Denki electrical works 600 workmen were killed.

## A SLEEPLESS NIGHT.

Tokyo people spent a sleepless night. There was no light but the flames lighting all to town. A later message from Tokyo says martial law has been proclaimed.

## WAR MINISTER'S REQUESTS.

**OSAKA, Sep. 2nd.**  
Lieut. Hatano has arrived at Osaka in an aeroplane carrying a message from the War Minister to the Commander of the Osaka Division, reporting the condition of Tokyo and requesting immediate relief measures, including the transportation of 4,000 bales of rice. The Minister of the Navy is broadcasting instructions by wireless, ordering all warships to engage in relief work. The most active preparations are under way at Osaka and Kobe for relief work in connection with the gigantic catastrophe. Ship after ship will be despatched to Tokyo with supplies and provisions.

## FURTHER REPORTS.

A report has reached the Nagoya division from Tokorozawa aerodrome stating that the Foreign Office and the Departments of Finance and Education have been destroyed by fire.

## REPORTERS BY AEROPLANE.

The Osaka Asahi and the Osaka Mainichi are sending reporters to Tokyo by aeroplane. All the newspapers are starting subscriptions for a relief fund.

## RECORDED AT VIENNA.

**VIENNA, September 2.**  
From four o'clock until after eight this morning, the seismographs of the Vienna Institute of Meteorology registered the most violent earthquake ever recorded here. The distance from the centre of disturbance was over 8,000 miles.

## IRISH ELECTIONS.

**LONDON, August 31.**  
Official: The state of the Parties in the Irish elections at six this evening was:—

Government	45
Republicans	31
Independents	15
Labour	11
Farmers	9

## REPUBLICANS GAINING GROUND.

**DUBLIN, September 1.**  
Although twenty-one seats remain to be filled, the latest returns show that the Republican issue is in no wise a dead letter, and it is noteworthy that most of the Republican successes have been secured in country districts, the Government holding most of the towns.

The state of the Parties at present is:—

Government	53
Republican	37
Independent	16
Labour	14
Farmers	12

Those elected yesterday include Mr. Rutledge, who was appointed Republican Acting President on the arrest of De Valera, and the Republican Plunkett.

## LATER.

The state of the Parties at noon was:—

Government	51
Republicans	38
Independents	16
Labour	14
Farmers	13

Eighteen seats remain to be filled. Both Ministerialists and Republicans at present have eight more members than at the dissolution. It seems likely that the Ministerialists will finally exceed sixty and the Republicans forty.

The election of the Republican Acting President, Mr. Rutledge, was celebrated in Ballina, North Mayo, by bonfires. A number of Republicans entered Bally Castle and joined in the rejoicings, and the military patrol from Killybegs which arrived was received with a volley. A corporal was killed in the fight which ensued and there were several other casualties. Soldiers cleared the streets of Ballina with fixed bayonets after a soldier had been insulted.

A Free State communiqué from Dublin states that a party of troops who were unharmed at Castle Connell last night suffered no casualties.

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## CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor  
China Mail, Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1923.  
Hongkong.

Sir,  
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Name .....

Address .....

Next Voting Contest:—Professions.

## THANKS TO MR. MOLLER.

HOW THE COLONY IS  
BEING DEFAMED.

LATEST LONDON COMMENT.

Further information which has reached me regarding the profiteering by the Hongkong Government at the expense of the small ship-owners of the colony makes the transaction appear blacker than I thought, says *Truth* of August 1st. In respect of the main allegation there seems to be no question. The Hongkong Government commandeered the ships at a fixed rate which entailed a heavy loss on the owners in keeping the ships at sea. It then chartered the vessels for ordinary trade purposes at much higher rates, thereby netting a profit of 2,231,204 dollars. The larger local owners were not treated in the same fashion, they being allowed to use the ships not requisitioned for war purposes for their own profit.

The defence put forward in the Hongkong Legislative Council for the passage of the Indemnity Act which legalised this barefaced robbery was about as lame as it could be. First it was urged that the Government accepted the war risk on the vessels, and was therefore entitled to the profits. To this the answer is made that the risk was insured with local underwriters. Secondly, it was argued that the colony, having contributed various sums to the Imperial Government out of ordinary revenue as well as from special rates levied for war purposes, was entitled to keep its war profits. To this the shipowners reply that they fail to see why they should bear a burden which would rightfully be borne by the whole community.

Anybody with the most elementary sense of fair play will agree with them. What appears to have happened is that the profits amounted to so large a sum that the Hongkong Government could not bear to part with the money, hoping no doubt that the small owners concerned would take their losses lying down. This might have been the case had not the Moller Shipping Company been forced into liquidation by its losses in consequence of the action of the Government for the Indemnity Bill was rushed through the Legislative Council in time to prevent an exposure of the facts in the law courts. Indeed, from no point of view does there appear to be any justification for this scandalous transaction. Even the Bolsheviks would blush at despoiling only the little men of their earnings and letting the bigger game go free.

## THE CORONET.

MABLE NORMAND IN  
MOLLY O.

It all happened through a newspaper. There was the picture of a wealthy young society man, with the caption, "Who will his bride be?" Besides his picture was a vacant space, with a question mark prominently displayed.

Molly O'Dair, a little Irish girl, pasted her photo there, just for fun. And then she met him. And after that, by a series of accidents, that very copy of the paper came into his hands. Everything should have been all right after that; but Molly had a father who didn't like young men in expensive clothes, and plug hats, and so he put down the parental foot.

Molly's vicissitudes after that form the basis of the picture "Molly O." which is at the Coronet this week.

There is nothing highly dramatic about this film. Its best feature is its homely presentation of the family life of the O'Dairs, and the whole production is characterized by some specially good acting.

Mabel Normand, in the principal role, gives a very touching, and yet amusing portrayal of "Molly O," the little Irish girl. She is supported by a group of artists of merit, and Saturday's audiences were evidently appreciative of the programme offered.

Riga, September 1.—Advices from Moscow state that the Soviets have entered into an agreement with a wireless telegraph company in Paris to supply apparatus for the erection of wireless stations in Russia.

London, September 1.—The Tromso Geographical Expedition, which left in July en route for Jan Mayen Island and Greenland in order to study oceanographical and meteorological conditions has been frozen in off Greenland. Their position is not dangerous, but a relief party to go to the aid of the expedition is preparing.—*Reuter*.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Shortly after removal from the Tung Wah hospital to the Government Civil hospital yesterday, a Chinese woman of 17, Po Tuck Street, died of opium poisoning, believed to have been self-administered.

The official report of the Douglas steamer "Haihong," which arrived yesterday from Swatow records that during the voyage Madame Tulane, wife of the French vice-consul at Swatow, gave birth to a son.

The record of rainfall during August as given by the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department shows a total of 35.18 inches. The biggest rainfall occurred on the 28th with a total of 7.08 inches.

For a couple of hours this morning three naval tugs, assisted by launches, made great efforts to raise the sunken submarine off Statue Pier. The result of their labours did not, up to till time, appear to have been very successful.

Judgment was given for the plaintiffs by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) at the Summary Court today in the cases in which the Tai Yik Cheong firm claimed damages from the Shun Wo Hing firm for breach of contracts, in connection with the sale of some sugar. Damages totalling \$2,225.95 were awarded. The plaintiffs were represented by Mr. M. M. Watson, and the defendants did not appear.

## TYPHOON WARNING.

The American Consulate-General is in receipt of a telegram from the Manila Observatory giving warning of a typhoon in about 114 deg. Long. E. 17 deg. Lat. N. moving N.W.

## WARDER'S DEATH.

FALL FROM VERANDAH.

As a result of falling from the second floor verandah of the Warders' Mess into Wyndham Street at about 2.30 this morning, Warder Craigie died from injuries at the Government Civil Hospital at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The Warders' Mess is, as most residents know, built on a narrow plot between Arbutnot Road and Wyndham Street. It has verandahs looking into the Magistracy compound and on the other side, overlooking Wyndham Street. No definite conclusion has been arrived at as to what caused his fall in the middle of the night but it is stated unofficially, that he was resting on the verandah which has a rather low railing and fell asleep thereby losing his balance.

However, the accident was soon noticed and the motor ambulance took him to hospital. This morning it was learnt that there was little chance of his recovery as his injuries were serious, the height being over forty feet. Later in the day it was learned that he had succumbed to his injuries at one o'clock. It is stated that he had a compound fracture of the thigh and that the skull was injured. There was also the possibility of serious internal injuries.

## BOY'S DEATH.

There was another fatal fall last night when a Chinese boy, twelve years of age, fell from the top floor of No. 98, Des Voeux Road West, into the road. His mother is reported to have stated that he had high fever during the day and his fall was not noticed. He probably walked out on the balcony to cool himself when he lost control. Death occurred shortly after admission to hospital.

## JAPAN CABINET.

PERSONNEL COMPLETED  
DURING FIRE.

OSAKA, Sept. 3.

While the capital of the Empire was burning, Premier Yamamoto hurried the work of Cabinet-making. According to the *Asahi* the personnel of the new cabinet is as follows:

Premier	Baron Yamamoto.
Foreign	Baron Goto.
Home	Mr. J. Inouye.
Finance	Admiral Takarabe.
Navy	General Tanaka.
War	Y. Hiranuma.
Justice	K. Okano.
Education	Baron Den.
Agriculture	
Communications	K. Inukai.
Railways	I. Yamanouchi.

The new Finance Minister has been Governor of the Bank of Japan since 1919.—*Reuter*.

## TRANSPORT "WARREN."

REPAIRING AT KOWLOON.

Among the many steamers repairing at the Docks in Kowloon is the U.S. Transport "Warren." It is a long time since any vessel of the U.S. Government has come to Hongkong to undergo repairs and the advent of the "Warren," now actually being repaired at the Company's establishment at Kowloon, is a happy augury for the future.

After having been in Brixton Prison for 34 days, Arthur Henry Ravenhill, of Kirby Cross, Essex, who threw a handful of pebbles at Mr. Justice Romer and was committed for contempt of court, was set at liberty, following his apology to the Judge.

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

NOTED DEPARTURES

CHINA COAST, ETC.

SWATOW.

Sept. 4.—I.O.S.N.	Kwaiyang.
4.—D.L.	Haihong.
4.—I.O.S.N.	Kiangsu.
5.—I.O.S.N.	Taiching.
6.—I.O.S.N.	Sonolok.
7.—I.O.S.N.	Lokang.
7.—I.O.S.N.	Yoching.
12.—I.O.S.N.	Waihing.
13.—O.S.K.	So-ha Maru.

AMOY.

Sept. 4.—D.L.	Haihong.
13.—O.S.K.	So-ha Maru.

FOOCHOW.

Sept. 4.—D.L.	Haihong.
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SHANGHAI.

Sept. 4.—O.N.	Kanohow.
5.—N.Y.K.	Shidzuka Maru.
5.—I.O.S.N.	Tsunahing.
6.—N.Y.K.	Nagano Maru.
6.—O.P.S.	Empress of Asia.
6.—O.N.	Sunolok.
7.—I.O.S.N.	Lokang.
7.—A.O.L.	Proa Grant.
7.—I.O.S.N.	Foohing.
7.—P.A.O.	Karmala.
8.—O.N.	Shunlung.
10.—I.C.J.L.	Tijondah.
10.—N.Y.K.	Tateh Maru.
12.—N.Y.K.	Katoh Maru.
12.—I.O.S.N.	Waihing.
16.—T.R.K.	Siberia Maru.
17.—P.M.	Proa Lincoln.
19.—A.O.L.	Proa Madison.
20.—P.A.O.	Nelloro.
22.—O.P.S.	Empress of Canada.
22.—T.R.K.	Taiyo Maru.
1.—A.O.L.	Proa McKibley.
2.—L.T.	Venesi.
4.—O.P.S.	Empress of Russia.
10.—B.F.	Telesia.
13.—A.O.L.	Proa Jackson.
14.—B.B.	Leasap.
21.—T.R.K.	Tenyo Maru.
25.—A.O.L.	Proa J. Brown.
Nov. 1.—T.R.K.	Korea Maru.
1.—O.P.S.	Empress of Asia.
17.—O.P.S.	Empress of Canada.
29.—O.P.S.	Empress of Russia.
Dec. 1.—B.B.	G. Lopez Y. Lopez.

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Sept. 20.—T.R.K.	Taiyo Maru.
Nov. 1.—T.R.K.	Korea Maru.

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Lieut. and Mrs. W. M. Hague. (Pub.)

Here is the first portrait of U. S. Naval Lieutenant Wesley M. Hague, with Mrs. Hague. Lieutenant Hague punched Rev. George Lyman Paige in the jaw, in Boston, because the clergyman, in an alleged impulse of "filial affection," tried to kiss Mrs. Hague. The clergyman, who is extremely prominent in Boston church circles, is a descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He has written a letter of apology to Mrs. Hague and has resigned as Executive Secretary of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches.



Thomas Kennedy, C. J. Golden, and W. J. Brennan. (Am.)

Whether peace or war prevails in the anthracite coal fields this autumn is being determined in parleys now under way in Atlantic City, where representatives of the mine owners and of the United Mine Workers are in session. Thomas Kennedy, Chris J. Golden and William J. Brennan, district presidents of the Pennsylvania mine workers, with John L. Lewis, International President, are representing the workers.



All the comforts of home are included in "Beau Camp," the palatial automobile in which George W. Beauchamp, a retired Chicago business man, has arrived in the Potomac Tourists' camp, Washington, D. C. With him was his wife, with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cavert, and Paddy, a pet dog. The party is making a cross-country tour.



Miss Mary Haskell.

Miss Mary Haskell, daughter of Colonel W. H. Haskell, U. S. A., in command of the American Red Cross in Greece and Asia Minor, has been with the Red Cross in Athens for several months and has won the heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the people by her untiring efforts and philanthropic endeavours.



J. M. Beck.

James M. Beck, United States Solicitor General, recently appeared as one of the counsel for his Government in a case arising out of contracts placed by the United States with a Canadian firm during the World War. The case was tried in London on an appeal from the Supreme Court of Ontario. Mr. Beck was called to the English bar at Gray's Inn last April and appeared in the attire of an English barrister.



Edith Kelly Gould, divorced wife of Frank J. Gould, son of the late Jay Gould, will return shortly to the stage in Paris. The former dance hall star will appear in vaudeville on a twelve weeks' contract. Presumably she is tiding over her financial affairs while her suit for half of her husband's estate is pending.



John C. Garand. (Am.)

Above is shown John C. Garand with his newly invented rapid-fire rifle, which has successfully passed tests by the United States Army authorities. It is known as the Grand Auto Loading Standard Military 30-calibre rifle, firing 100 shots in 75 seconds, as against the old Springfield firing record of 100 shots in three minutes. The new rifle is easily carried, weighing only 9 3/4 pounds.



Miss Margaret Huger.

Miss Margaret Huger, is believed to have been the unconscious cause of the murder of Frank Maren, to whom she was engaged. She had many admirers. Maren's body was found in a haystack near Joliet, after he had been strangled and his skull crushed.



Brig. Gen. Logan Feland.

Brigadier-General Logan Feland, United States Marine Corps, hero of Belleau Wood and a dozen other bloody fields of France, has been appointed aide to Major-General John A. Lejeune, commanding the famous corps. General Feland was formerly head of the Division of Operations and Training of the Corps and succeeds Major-General W. C. Neville as assistant to the commanding general. He has served with the Marines since 1899 and was among the first to sail for France, where he won the D. S. C. and the D. S. M. and the rank of Officer in the French Legion of Honour.



Mrs. Bevard Kepner, was found shot to death in her home last April. A Justice of the Peace, in accordance with the Maryland law, signed a death certificate declaring she was a suicide. Little was heard of the case until her brother and sister started an investigation, which resulted in the body being exhumed and an inquest held. A Miss Lulu Ricketts created a sensation when she declared in court that Bevard Kepner, the dead woman's husband, had frequently proposed that she run away from home with him, while his wife was still alive.



Is it true that handsome, young, attractive, well-dressed women who kill can go free and that women who are old, poorly dressed and ugly are convicted of murder in Chicago? Aside from Mrs. Nitti-Crudelle, who occupies a cell in the Cook County Jail, the first woman ever to be sentenced there to die on the gallows, there are five names which will be remembered by the public as leading figures in celebrated murder trials. Mrs. Vera Trepagnier was old and was convicted and sentenced to prison for one year for killing a man who defrauded her in a business deal. Mrs. Tillie Klimek, middle aged, squat and ugly, was sent to prison for life for murder. Mrs. Cora Isabelle Ortwein, dashing, handsome and young, was acquitted, in 1921, of the murder of Herbert Zeigler. Miss Ruby Dean, beautiful cabaret singer, was acquitted, in 1917, of the murder of Dr. Leon Quinman. Miss Pauline Plotka, pretty and winsome fashion designer, shot and killed Antoine K. Jindra, a hospital interne, in 1917, and went free. Above, left to right, Mrs. Orthwin, Miss Plotka, Miss Dean and Mrs. Trepagnier. Below, left to right, Mrs. Sabelle Nitti-Crudelle and Mrs. Tillie Klimek.

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"NOW-MARIE-TAKE THIS NOTE-OVER TO MRS. DINTY'S HOUSE AND TELL HER TO BRING OVER HER MUSIC-I WANT HER TO SING FOR ME TONIGHT."



"SAY-DINTY! ILL BE OVER!"

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## ITALO-GREEK CRISIS.

Rome, September 1.  
The occupation of Corfu, which is officially confirmed, was made in a direct consequence of Greece's unfavourable reply.

The fact that the occupation of Corfu was not accomplished without opposition is suggested by an Athens communication, stating that the Governor had declined to accede to the Italian request to occupy the island, whereupon troops landed and the fleet bombarded the police station and school, which were set on fire. It is reported that there were a number of casualties.

Rome, September 1.  
An official message announces that the occupation of Corfu was not intended as an act of war, but as a safeguard to prestige and to obtain due reparation. The message hopes that Greece will not take any action likely to modify the peaceful nature of the measure.

The message has in nowise allayed the anxiety in London, where the latest development is looked on as being on a parallel with the Ruhr occupation.

On the other hand, editorialists denounce this further south step in the direction of the disturbance of peace, while the papers that are most friendly to Italy fear that Mussolini has begun his career, but hope that he will listen to wise counsels at the eleventh hour.

Several other newspapers frankly regard the move as the logical development of the imperialist ideas which Mussolini has long been cherishing.

News-papers of all shades of opinion emphasize the violation of two international instruments. Firstly, the International Agreement of 1913, in which Italy is signatory, guaranteeing the perpetual neutrality of Corfu. Secondly, an Article in the League of Nations Covenant forbidding any member to engage in warlike operations against another member under penalty of ostracism.

An anti-Italian statement of the British official view is lacking in the absence of Mr. Baldwin and Lord Curzon. A similar reference is being displayed in France, although the consensus of Paris newspapers strongly oppose Mussolini's action. Lloyd's underwriters, yesterday, before the news of the occupation was known, did business at twenty-five guineas per cent. against the outbreak of an Italo-Greek war before December 31.

ATHENS, September 1.  
Telegraphic communication between Corfu and Athens was cut at seven o'clock last night. It is asserted that the Italians bombarded the forts which were deemed of importance in accordance with the Florence Convention, although the Italians were informed that the forts were inhabited by refugee orphans. A number of the latter were killed, variously reported at seven to fifteen.

The Governor of Corfu and ten officers have been detained on an Italian warship, and the garrison of the island, numbering 150 have retired to the interior.

M. Gontas declared yesterday afternoon that he replied would be sent to the second Italian Note, as Greece would await the decision of the League of Nations.

Greece has protested to the Powers against the bombardment of the fortified forts and the killing of the refugees, as a violation of international law.

Rome, September 1.  
Admiral Sforza, commanding the Italian troops at Corfu, has issued a proclamation to the islanders in which he declares that the occupation was necessitated by the "barbarous murders" and is not an act of war but merely a manifestation of Italy's inflexible will to obtain reparation.

The occupation will remain temporary and peaceful unless the attitude of the islanders obliges special measures to protect Italian troops.

ATHENS, September 1.  
An Italian submarine in the Gulf of Giannitsa fired on the Greek steamer "Georgios," inflicting slight damage.

Official circles in London are gravely perturbed at the turn of events, but it is impossible to give the view of the British Government regarding Italy's action, in the absence of Mr. Baldwin and Lord Curzon. The latter's plans have not been changed and he does not return to London before the middle of next week. The British view remains that the question must be left to the League of Nations.

Mr. Amery, who is at present at Malta, is believed to have conferred with Mr. Baldwin at Aix les Bains yesterday.

Official Italian circles in London declare that the League will not be asked to intervene, as the question is one of Italian honour and prestige. Furthermore, there is no question of Corfu being neutral, since the Allies used the island in the Great War.

ATHENS, September 1.  
Mr. Politis has handed to the Secretariat of the League of Nations

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## TRAGEDY OF THE ARCTIC.

Rome, September 1.  
Another tragedy in the Arctic was revealed on the return of an expedition which had been to Wrangel Island to try and rescue Mr. Allen Crawford and his party, who were announced on the island, whither they went in 1920 to preserve British rights.

The expedition announces that all Crawford's party were dead except an Eskimo woman.

LATER.  
The Wrangel Island party consisted of Allen Crawford, aged twenty-two, a son of Professor Crawford of Toronto University, three Americans named Lorne Knight, Milton Gale and Frederick Manger and an Eskimo woman who was the sole survivor. The expedition had taken her to make clothes.

Stolansson, the Canadian explorer, who had been in the Canadian Government commissioned in 1911 to re-establish imperial rights, when interviewed, said he feared that the party must have died of starvation, having only one year's provisions when landing in September, 1921, since when there had been no news.

The party had been provided with a large quantity of ammunition, with which it was hoped they would subside by hunting.

Last year a supply ship failed to reach the island in consequence of the lateness of its departure as a result of lack of funds.

Rome, September 1.  
The Wrangel Island relief expedition states the first evidence that a previous party had been there was a bottle discovered in a deserted camp on the south side of the island, containing the names of Allen Crawford's party and a declaration claiming Wrangel Island in the name of King George.

The party numbered six, including an Eskimo, "Black Jack," the husband of the Eskimo woman, who had suffered great privation and fainted at sight of the expedition.

Later, she related how Crawford, Manger and Gale perished in the winter of 1921, setting out over the ice to seek the mainland. They did not return and Knight died of scurvy in June last, while "Black Jack" died previously.

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Documentary 4 months sight ... 3/3 1/2

On Paris—

On demand ... 910

Credits 4 months sight ... 970

On Berlin—

On demand ... nom.

On New York—

On demand ... 114

Credits 80 days sight ... 112 1/2

On Bombay—

Wire ... 118

On Calcutta—

On demand ... 168

On Singapore—

On demand ... 91

On Manila—

On demand ... 113

On Shanghai—

On demand ... nom.

30 days sight (private party) ... 104 1/2

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On demand ... 104 1/2

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do 1/2251799813685248 ... 1/2251799813685248

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do 1/9007199254740992 ... 1/9007199254740992

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do 1/36028797018963968 ... 1/36028797018963968

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Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, August 30, 1923.

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Racco, from Basel Tel.

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Hongkong, August 30, 1923.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 1923.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

Names.	Stock Exchange.	Shareholders Association.
H.K.P.C. T.P. selling rate	2/3	2/3
do on London	3/4	3/4
and on Shanghai	3/4 1/2	3/4 1/2
Hongkong Bank	104 1/2	104 1/2
do do	104 1/2	104 1/2
First Asia Bank	104 1/2	104 1/2
Varian Insurance	630 b.	630 b.
Canton Insurance	140 b.	140 b.
North China Insurance	234 b.	234 b.
Union Insurance	234 b.	234 b.
Insurance Yangtze	234 b.	234 b.
Far Eastern	130 b.	130 b.
China Fire Insurance	130 b.	130 b.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	130 b.	130 b.
Shipping	63 b.	63 b.
Langkat	63 b.	63 b.
H.K. Steamboats	63 b.	63 b.
Indo-China (Def.)	130 b.	130 b.
do (H.K. Reg.)	130 b.	130 b.
Shell Transport	73 b.	73 b.
Star Paper	73 b.	73 b.
Hongkong Tugs and Lighter	140 b.	140 b.
Refineries	234 b.	234 b.
China Sugar	234 b.	234 b.
Malayan Sugar	234 b.	234 b.
Mineral	63 b.	63 b.
Kailan Mining Adm.	63 b.	63 b.
Langkat	63 b.	63 b.
Shanghai Insurance	63 b.	63 b.
Shanghai Exploration	63 b.	63 b.
Rails	63 b.	63 b.
Tonghai Mines	63 b.	63 b.
Ural Caspian	63 b.	63 b.
Pengut Con.	63 b.	63 b.
Doohs, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	63 b.	63 b.
H. & K. Wharves	63 b.	63 b.
H. & W. Dock	63 b.	63 b.
Shai Dock	63 b.	63 b.
New Engineering	63 b.	63 b.
Shanghai Hongkong	63 b.	63 b.
Land, Hotels & Buildings	63 b.	63 b.
Hongkong Hotels	63 b.	63 b.
Hongkong Land	63 b.	63 b.
Humphreys	63 b.	63 b.
Lawson Land	63 b.	63 b.
Land Reclamation	63 b.	63 b.
Princes Building	63 b.	63 b.
Cotton Mills	63 b.	63 b.
Kwo Cotton Mills, Ltd.	63 b.	63 b.
Yank Yik	63 b.	63 b.
Leon King Mow	63 b.	63 b.
Oriental	63 b.	63 b.
Shanghai Cotton	63 b.	63 b.
Yungshing	63 b.	63 b.
Malacchino	63 b.	63 b.
Cement	63 b.	63 b.
China Cement	63 b.	63 b.
China Light (Old)	63 b.	63 b.
do (New)	63 b.	63 b.



